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SUBJ: BOLIVIA TDY VISIT - ARTHUR NELSON

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1. MISSION OFFICERS MET WITH MINISTRY OF MINES
OFFICIAL JOSE ANTOGNELLI AND TWO ENGINEERS FROM
COMIBOL OCTOBER 6 TO DISCUSS VISIT OF MR. ARTHUR
NELSON (REFTEL A). DIRECTOR OF COMIBOL'S INDUSTRIAL
SAFETY SECTION, ING. WILFREDO A. NAVARRO R. IS
DRAWING UP A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF VISITS TO MINING
AREA FOR NELSON. WE WILL REVIEW THIS AND INFORM
DEPARTMENT OF DETAILS ASAP.

2. IN GENERAL, PLANS ARE FOR NELSON TO SPEND ONE
OR ONE AND A HALF DAYS IN LA PAZ FOR ORIENTATION.
HE SHOULD THEN VISIT CATAVI (ABOUT 290 KILOMETERS
SOUTH OF LA PAZ) TO OBSERVE PROBLEMS OF
VENTILATION CAUSED BY BLOCK-CAVING PROCESS USED THERE.
ALSO IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR HIM TO OBSERVE ONE OF
THE MINES SUCH AS SAN JOSE WHICH IS CLOSER TO ORURO
(ABOUT 240 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF LA PAZ). IN THE SOUTH
COMIBOL HOPES HE CAN VISIT THE TASNA MINE NEAR
POTOSI (ABOUT 510 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF LA PAZ). OTHER
MINES COULD BE VISITED DEPENDING ON MR. NELSON'S
STAMINA AND HIS REACTION TO THE HIGH ALTITUDES AT
WHICH MOST MINES ARE LOCATED. PLANS BEING MADE
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INCLUDE FLEXIBILITY TO ALLOW FOR MORE REST IF NEEDED.

3. BACK IN LA PAZ, DURING THE SECOND WEEK, WE HOPE HE COULD HAVE ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS WITH A COMMITTEE FROM VARIOUS AGENCIES (HEALTH, MINES, LABOR, OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY, COMIBOL, AND A LABOR REP). THE LAST TWO DAYS OF HIS STAY MIGHT BE LEFT FOR NELSON TO FORMULATE HIS SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING THE PRECISE DATES OF NELSON'S ETA AND ETD. ALSO, EMBASSY REQUIRES HIM TO HAVE A STATE DEPT. HIGH ALTITUDE MEDICAL EXAM BEFORE VISIT. IS OUR ASSUMPTION CORRECT THAT MR. NELSON WILL NEED AN INTERPRETER?
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